WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR IDAHO

and

FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE···SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE,

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TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1400 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. In the near future, it is anticipated that automatic snow water equivalent sensing devices along with radio telemetry will provide a continuous record of snow water equivalent at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

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The Soil Conservation Service publishes reports following the principal snow survey dates from January 1 through June 1 in cooperation with state water administrators, agricultural experiment stations and others. Copies of the reports for Western United States and all state reports may be obtained from Soil Conservation Service, Western Regional Technical Service Center, Room 209, 701 N. W. Glisan, Portland, Oregon 97209.

Copies of state and local reports may also be obtained from state offices of the Soil Conservation Service in the following states:

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GENERAL SUMMARY FOR MAY 1, 1969

The water supply outlook for Idaho is excellent. Several rivers still have serious high water potential.

The snow cover on the Big and Little Lost, the Big and Little Wood Rivers and on the Camas-Beaver Creek drainage is still extremely heavy. The low elevation snow cover on these drainages melted during April and produced extremely high flows, but a cool spell prevented a continuation of the snowmelt. This highly desirable change in weather has lowered the flood hazard but it has not been eliminated.

Precipitation throughout the southern half of Idaho was well below normal during the month. Snowfall that usually occurs at high elevations during April did not materialize. In northern Idaho, from the Clearwater to the Canadian border, precipitation was above or near average. Temperatures around the state were generally above normal.

Soils throughout Idaho lost moisture at the lower elevations but remained saturated in the mountainous areas. The excellent soil moisture in the valleys has created unusually heavy grass cover and soil moisture conditions in general, even at these elevations, are still slightly above normal.

Reservoir storage in general is excellent.

RESERVOIR STORAGE (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

RESERVOIR	USABLE CAPACITY	MEASURED (First of Month)		
		THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	1953-67 AVERAGE
UPPER COLUMBIA BASIN				
Clark Fork - Pend Oreille				
Hungry Horse	3428.0	2044.0	2304.0	1974.0*
Flathead	1791.0	1266.0	707.4	933.7
Pend Oreille	1561.0	736.7	930.9	899.8
Noxon	334.6	150.8	101.1	144.9*
Spokane				
Coeur d'Alene	238.5	428.4	127.0	300.0
SNAKE BASIN				
Snake				
Jackson Lake	847.0	591.0	611.5	455.1
Palisades	1200.0	781.9	1021.4	802.4*
American Falls	1700.0	1707.0	1672.0	1664.3
Island Park	127.0	102.2	133.9	133.1
Grassy Lake	15.2	10.4	10.5	11.4
Brownlee	980.2	375.7	568.5	515.2*
Goose-Trapper Creeks				
Oakley	74.4	28.4	19.3	24.3
Salmon Falls Creek				
Salmon Falls	182.6	66.4	31.7	46.9
Big Lost				
Mackay	44.2	8.1	37.0	33.5
Big Wood				
Magic	191.5	178.9	171.2	167.7
Little Wood				
Little Wood	30.0	25.5	30.1	21.5*
Fish Creek				
Carey Valley	14.4	14.4	--	--
Boise				
Anderson Ranch	423.2	281.0	311.7	284.4
Arrowrock	286.6	270.8	166.7	230.7
Lucky Peak	278.2	50.7	233.3	176.1*
Lake Lowell (Deer Flat)	169.0	170.3	140.9	156.3
Owyhee				
Owyhee	715.0	699.2	435.2	531.9
Payette				
Cascade	653.2	314.2	369.9	327.8
Deadwood	161.9	108.1	102.5	89.1
GREAT BASIN				
Bear				
Bear Lake	1421.0	1166.3	1144.7	948.8

* Period of Record

RESERVOIR STORAGE

USABLE CONTENTS (1,000 Acre Feet)

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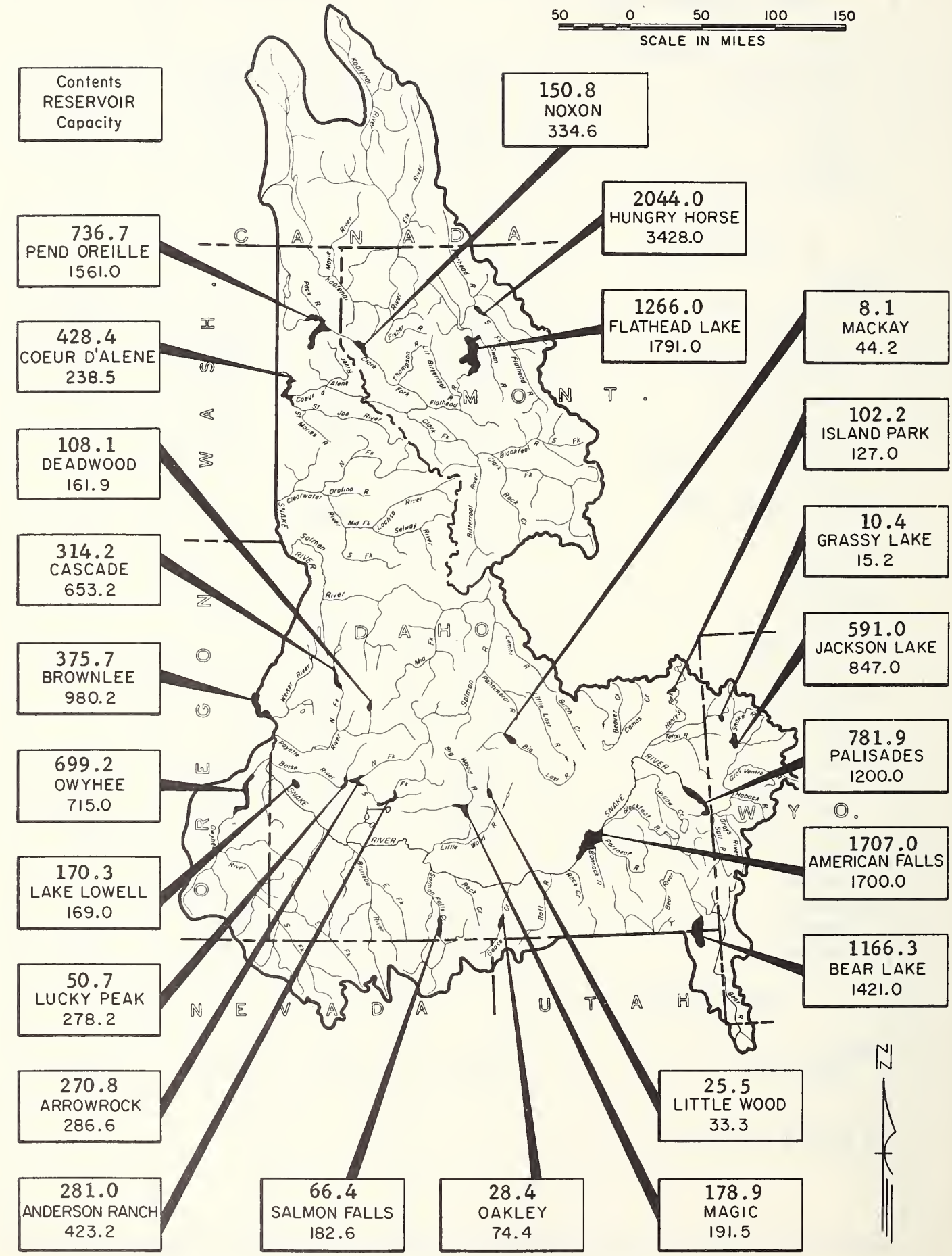

PROSPECTIVE STREAMFLOW

Based on Snow Surveys made on approximately

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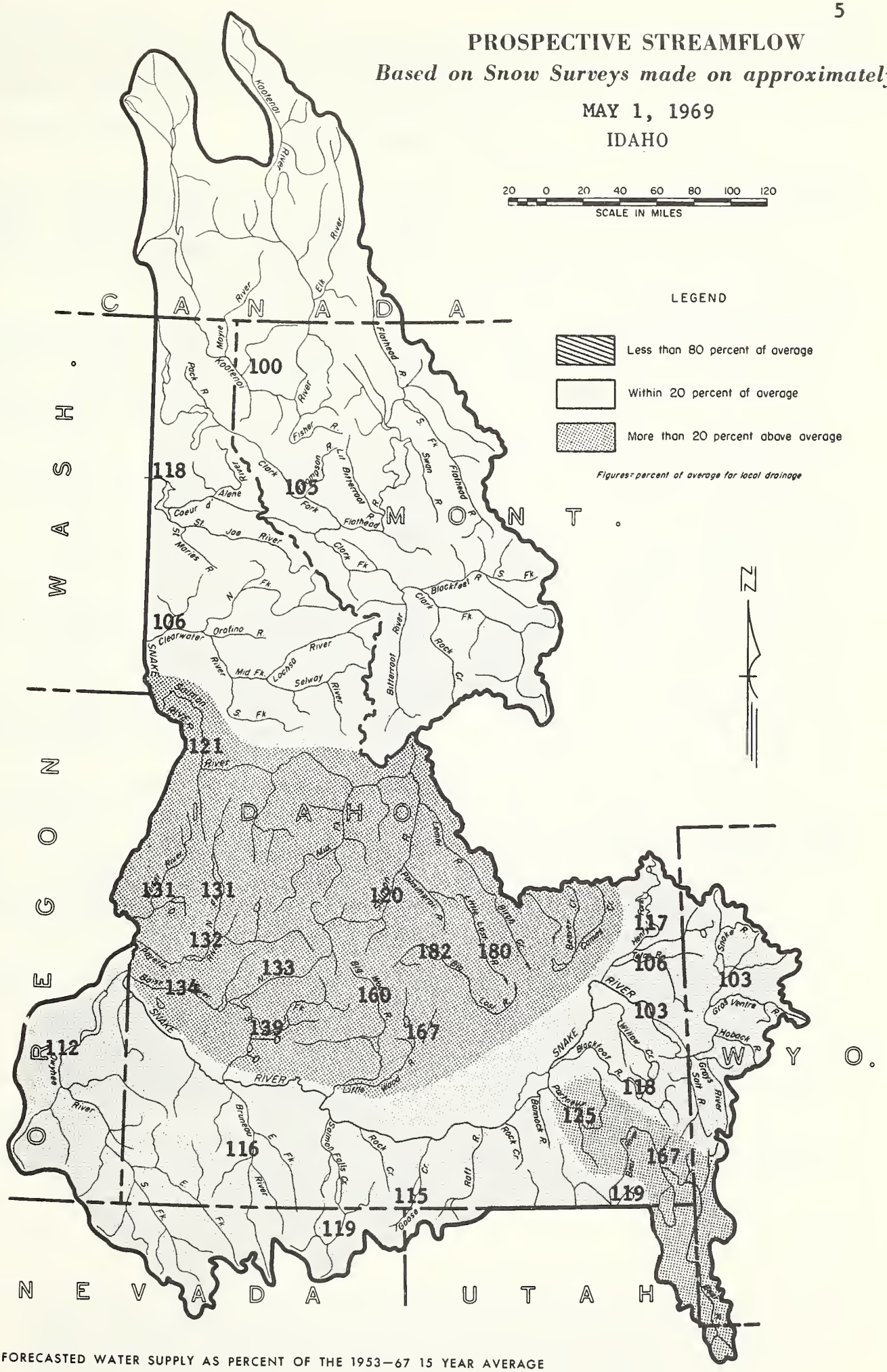

FORECASTED WATER SUPPLY AS PERCENT OF THE 1953—67 15 YEAR AVERAGE

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS[c] (1,000 Ac. Ft.)

STREAM and/or FORECAST POINT		FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	LAST YEAR	1953-1967 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE
UPPER COLUMBIA BASIN						
KOOTENAI RIVER						
Leonia	(at)	8400	May-Sep	7481	8397	100
		7280	May-Jul	6287	7271	100
		5670	May-Jun	4772	5662	100
PEND OREILLE RIVER						
Clark Fork River						
Whitehorse Rapids	(at)	12840	May-Sep	10684	12313	105
		11600	May-Jul	9031	11112	105
		9700	May-Jun	7472	9278	105
Priest River						
Priest River 1/	(nr)	860	May-Jul	546	721	119
SPOKANE RIVER						
Post Falls 2/	(at)	2500	May-Sep	1318	2110	118
Coeur d'Alene River						
Cataldo	(nr)	967	May-Sep	471	820	118
		900	May-Jul	394	762	118
St. Joe River						
Calder	(at)	1200	May-Sep	767	1040	116
		1130	May-Jul	677	974	116
SNAKE RIVER BASIN						
SNAKE RIVER - MAIN STEM						
Moran 3/	(at)	870	Apr-Sep	811	846	103
Heise 4/	(nr)	3500	May-Sep	3454	3410	103
Blackfoot 5/	(nr)	3660	May-Jul	3535	3521	104
Weiser	(at)	5800	May-Sep	3516	5002	116
Henrys Fork						
Ashton 6/	(nr)	600	May-Sep	555	513	117
Rexburg 7/	(nr)	1280	May-Sep	1251	1100	116
Teton River						
St. Anthony	(nr)	375	May-Sep	435	353	106
Blackfoot River						
Blackfoot Reservoir Inflow		120	Apr-Sep	--	102*	118

*1948-1962 Average

(c) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. 1/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Priest Lake. 2/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Coeur d'Alene Lake and diversions by Spokane Valley Farms Company and Rathdrum Prairie canals. 3/ Corrected for storage in Jackson Lake. 4/ Corrected for storage in Jackson Lake and Palisades. 5/ Corrected for storage in Jackson Lake, Palisades, Island Park, Henry's Lake, Grassy Lake and diversions between Heise and Blackfoot. 6/ Corrected for storage in Henry's Lake and Island Park Reservoir. 7/ Corrected for storage in Henry's Lake, Island Park, Grassy Lake and diversions between Ashton and Rexburg.

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STREAM and/or FORECAST POINT		FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	LAST YEAR	1953-1967 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE
Portneuf River						
Topaz	(at)	70	May-Sep	56	56.2	125
Oakley Reservoir Inflow		18	May-Sep	8.0	15.6	115
Salmon Falls Creek						
San Jacinto	(nr)	55	May-Sep	23.3	46.3	119
		50	May-Jul	18.2	43.0	116
Bruneau River						
Hot Springs	(nr)	165	May-Sep	91	142	116
Little Lost River						
Howe	(nr)	55	May-Sep	38.5	30.6	180
Big Lost River						
Howell Ranch	(at)	340	May-Sep	172	186	182
		230	May-Jun	114	128	180
Mackay 1/	(nr)	290	May-Sep	145	159	182
Big Wood River						
Hailey 2/	(at)	460	May-Sep	172	288	160
Magic Reservoir Inflow 3/		290	May-Jul	65	161	180
Little Wood River						
High Five Creek	(ab)	105	May-Sep	45	63	167
Boise River						
Twin Springs	(nr)	790	May-Sep	388	594	133
		720	May-Jul	328	542	133
Boise 4/	(nr)	1650	May-Sep	741	1230	134
South Fork						
Anderson Dam 5/	(at)	650	May-Sep	270	468	139
Owyhee River						
Gold Cr., Nev. 6/	(nr)	13	May-Jul	2	8	163
Owyhee, Nev. 6/	(nr)	60	May-Jul	11	38	158
Lake Owyhee		200	May-Sep	--	179	112
net inflow 7/		175	May-Jul	--	160	109
Jordan Creek						
Lone Tree Creek	(ab)	55	May-Jul	--	48.3*	114

*1955-1967 Average

(c) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. 1/ Observed flow corrected for storage in Mackay Reservoir and diversion in Sharp Ditch. 2/ Combined discharge of Big Wood River and Big Wood Slough Corrected for diversions. 3/ Combined flow Big Wood River nr. Bellevue and Camas Creek nr. Blaine. 4/ Corrected for storage in Arrowrock, Anderson Ranch and Lucky Peak. 5/ Corrected for storage in Anderson Ranch Reservoir. 6/ Corrected for storage in Wild Horse Reservoir. 7/ From U.S.B.R. records of inflow.

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STREAM and/or FORECAST POINT		FORECAST THIS YEAR	FORECAST PERIOD	LAST YEAR	1953-1967 AVERAGE	THIS YEAR AS PERCENT OF AVERAGE
Payette River						
Horseshoe Bend 1/	(nr)	2000	May-Sep	998	1510	132
Banks 2/	(nr)	1080	May-Jul	490	816	132
North Fork						
Cascade 3/	(at)	600	May-Sep	317	458	131
Banks 3/	(nr)	760	May-Sep	377	574	132
Weiser River						
Weiser ab. Crane Creek 4/		350	May-Sep	161	267	131
Salmon River						
Whitebird	(at)	7500	May-Sep	5026	6190	121
Challis	(nr)	990	May-Sep	6011	824	120
		850	May-Jul	498	710	120
Clearwater River						
Spalding	(at)	7200	May-Sep	5678	6824	106
GREAT BASIN						
BEAR RIVER						
Harer	(at)	260	May-Sep	172	[illegible]	167
Montpelier Creek						
Montpelier	(nr)	12	May-Sep	6.4	8.7	138
Cub River						
Preston	(nr)	52	May-Sep	41.0	43.7*	119

* 1956-1967 Average.

(c) Assuming normal meteorological conditions. 1/ Corrected for storage in Cascade and Deadwood Reservoirs. 2/ Corrected for storage in Deadwood Reservoir. 3/ Corrected for storage in Cascade Reservoir. 4/ Observed flow of Weiser River nr. Weiser minus observed flow of Crane Creek at mouth.

VALLEY PRECIPITATION 1/

Division Averages and Departures

In Inches

DRAINAGE DIVISIONS	April - 1969		Nov. 68 thru March 69	
	Observed	Departure 2/	Observed	Departure 2/
Upper Snake	1.07	-0.72	12.26	+2.23
Snake River Plain	0.41	-0.58	5.51	+1.20
Clark Fork	0.64	-0.44	5.41	+0.94
Flathead	1.53	-0.20	10.17	+0.09
Salmon-Boise-Payette	0.98	-0.73	14.20	+3.07
Clearwater	3.23	+0.41	14.14	+0.53
Pend Oreille-Spokane	2.88	+0.55	20.28	+2.03
Kootenai	2.28	+0.72	14.35	+0.23
Owyhee-Malheur	0.71	-0.16	7.50	+2.32

1/ Preliminary analysis by U. S. Weather Bureau from data furnished by Meterological Service of Canada and U. S. Weather Bureau.

2/ Departure from 15-year (1953-67) drainage division average.

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DRAINAGE BASIN and SNOW COURSE			CURRENT INFORMATION			PAST RECORD	
NAME	NO.	ELEVATION	DATE OF SURVEY	SNOW DEPTH (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches)	WATER CONTENT (Inches) LAST YEAR	WATER CONTENT (Inches) AVERAGE b
UPPER COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN							
KOOTENAI RIVER							
Smith Creek	16A1	4800	4/30	96	46.7	44.9	49.4
PEND OREILLE - PRIEST RIVER							
Benton Meadow	16A2	2344	5/1	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Benton Spring	16A3	4900	4/29	37	16.2	11.8	17.1
Schweitzer Bowl	16A6	4500	4/30	61	25.2	23.0	--
Schweitzer Ridge	16A5	6100	4/30	150	67.0	44.8	--
SPOKANE RIVER							
Copper Ridge	16B2	4800	5/1	60	29.8	15.3	27.8
#Forty-nine Meadows	15B3	5000	5/3	40	20.8	21.7	30.6*
Fourth of July Summit	16B3	3100	5/1	0	0.0	0.0	--
Granite Peak	15B13	6000	5/3	99	46.1	47.8	--
Lookout	15B2	5250	5/1	79	37.4	28.2	36.7
#Lost Lake	15B14	6000	5/3	148	73.0	56.4	--
Lower Sands Creek	16B1	3400	5/2	42	18.7	8.2	14.6
Medicine Ridge	15B4	6150	5/3	97	45.5	52.0	--
Outlaw Creek	15B12	3750	5/3	0	0.0	3.0	8.0*
Sherwin	16C1	3200	4/29	9	4.2	--	-
LOWER SNAKE RIVER BASIN							
PALOUSE RIVER							
Crumarine Creek	16C6	3340	5/1	T	T	0.0	0.0*
East Twin	16C3	4050	5/1	2	0.5	0.0	2.1*
Howard Creek	16C5	3450	5/1	T	T	0.0	0.0*
Moscow Mountain	16C2	4400	5/1	28	12.1	T	11.6*
West Twin	16C4	4250	5/1	T	T	0.0	0.0*
CLEARWATER RIVER							
Buck Meadows	15D5	5600	4/28	49	23.4	29.7	--
Cayuse Airstrip	15C3	3700	4/27	0	0.0	0.0	0.9*
Coolwater Mountain	15C7	6200	4/27	59	27.1	29.9	30.6*
Coolwater Mountain (R)	15C7	6200	4/27	--	20.1	23.9	--
Coolwater Mountain (SP)	15C7	6200	4/27	--	19.4	--	--
Cottonwood Butte	16C16	5140	4/28	11	4.8	2.7	--
Crater Meadows	15C9	6100	4/27	85	44.2	48.5	47.2*
Crooked Fork	14C10	3800	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	--
Culdesac	15B19	3050	5/3	0	0.0	0.0	--
Elk Butte	16C15	5550	5/3	62	28.3	23.9	35.8*
Fish Lake Airstrip	15C2	5000	4/27	80	36.8	38.0	42.2*

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Forty-nine Meadows	15B3	5000	5/3	40	20.8	21.7	30.6*
Goat Lake	14C9	6600	4/27	104	51.6	58.2	--
#Granite Peak	15B13	6000	5/3	99	46.1	47.8	--
Hemlock Butte	16C6	5500	4/27	96	45.1	45.6	53.9*
Hemlock Butte (R)	16C6	5500	4/27	--	48.8	42.5	--
#Hoodoo Basin Mont.	15C8	6000	5/1	103	51.2	47.7	--
#Hoodoo Creek Mont.	15C1	5900	5/1	103	49.2	43.0	52.0*
Lolo Pass	14C5	5230	4/28	47	23.7	28.0	32.7*
Lost Lake	15B14	6000	5/3	148	73.0	56.4	62.7*
Lower Snowhaven	16D7	5250	4/28	20	9.7	6.8	--
#Medicine Ridge	15B4	6150	5/3	97	45.5	52.0	--
Mountain Meadows	15D6	6300	4/28	37	17.2	27.5	--
#Nez Perce Pass Mont.	14D1	6575	4/28	20	9.6	15.6	13.9
Orogrande Mountain	15D4	7800	4/27	101	43.2	50.8	48.0*
Orogrande Mountain (R)	15D4	7800	4/27	--	42.1	45.4	--
Pierce Ranger Station	15C5	3170	5/2	0	0.0	0.0	1.9*
Powell Ranger Station	14C6	4230	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	--
Savage Pass	14C4	6600	4/27	50	24.3	28.6	--
Shanghai Summit	15C4	4600	5/3	37	18.1	14.6	24.0*
Upper Snowhaven	16D4	5600	4/28	31	14.8	10.4	--
SALMON RIVER							
Big Creek Summit	15E2	6600	4/28	82	39.9	26.8	36.1
Borah (A)	13E8	8250	5/5	0	0.0	2.6	--
#Boulder Creek	16D1	5500	4/28	16	7.8	3.8	15.9*
Brundage Mountain	16D6	7560	4/28	111	53.8	44.9	--
Chapman Creek	16D2	4215	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.4*
Doublespring Pass (A)	13E25	8400	5/5	6	2.4	3.4	--
#Galena Summit	14F12	8795	4/29	69	29.4	19.2	24.5
#Gibbons Pass Mont.	13D2	7100	4/29	48	21.6	22.8	23.1
Johns Creek	16D3	3805	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.0*
Keystone (A)	14E6	7700	5/5	0	0.0	--	--
Leatherman Pass (A)	13E24	9800	5/5	65	27.4	19.9	--
Mill Creek Summit	14E1	8870	4/30	60	28.1	18.7	--
Moose Creek	13D16	6200	4/29	29	10.9	15.7	12.3*
Morgan Creek	14E4	7580	4/29	23	10.5	6.9	14.2*
#Rock Flat Summit	16E1	5200	4/28	34	16.0	14.8	15.7*
Twin Peaks (A)	14E3	10300	5/5	64	30.0	23.4	--
Vienna Mine (A)	14F4	8900	4/27	81	34.5	26.5	38.5*
Whitebird Summit	16D5	4390	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.9*
Lemhi River							
Above Gilmore (A)	13E19	8200	5/5	24	9.6	9.5	--
Aspen-Hall Pass (A)	13E21	8110	5/5	27	10.8	12.1	--
Copes Camp (A)	13E17	7500	5/5	T	T	5.6	--
Gertson Creek (A)	13D17	8050	5/1	0	0.0	6.0	--
Hall Creek (A)	13E20	7560	5/5	0	0.0	5.2	--

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Meadow Lake (A)	13E18	9100	5/5	49	20.6	18.7	--
Schwartz Lake (A)	13E16	8500	5/5	45	18.9	13.6	--

SOIL MOISTURE

STATION NAME	ELEVATION	PROFILE (Inches) DEPTH	CAPACITY	SOIL MOISTURE (Inches) DATE	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	2 YEARS AGO
SPOKANE RIVER							
Fourth of July Summit	3100	48	11.6	5/1	10.3	10.2	10.2
Lookout	5250	48	11.0	5/1	8.6	8.4	8.3
CLEARWATER RIVER							
Brown	3100	30	6.7	3/27	5.8	5.6	5.6
Midway	2200	36	6.1	3/27	5.0	5.0	5.1
SALMON RIVER							
Mill Creek Summit	8870	48	8.4	4/30	6.8	7.1	3.0
Lemhi River							
Above Gilmore	8200	60	5.4	3/28	4.2	3.2[a]	1.8[a]
Meadow Lake	9100	48	4.4	3/28	2.6	2.5[a]	1.6[a]

a April Measurement

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MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN - NORTHSIDE							
LITTLE LOST RIVER							
Fairview Guard Sta.	13E5	6750	5/1	0	0.0	0.0	--
Lost Garfield	13E3	6600	5/1	0	0.0	0.0	--
Moonshine	13E6	7450	5/1	25	9.4	8.2	--
Sawmill Canyon	13E4	6900	5/1	T	T	0.0	--
Swauger Lake (A)	13E9	9050	5/5	13	5.2	--	--
BIG LOST RIVER							
#Doublespring Pass (A)	13E25	8400	5/5	6	2.4	3.4	--
Iron Bog	13F11	7650	4/28	24	12.0	--	--
Leadbelt	13F12	6800	4/28	14	5.8	--	--
#Leatherman Pass (A)	13E24	9800	5/5	65	27.4	19.9	--
Lost-Wood Divide (A)	14F3	7900	4/27	59	25.1	7.8	--
Sage Creek (A)	14E5	7800	5/5	21	8.4	0.0	--
White Knob	13F1	7700	5/1	22	8.8	--	7.6*
LITTLE WOOD RIVER							
Garfield Rgr. Sta.	13F4	6554	4/28	11	5.0	0.0	2.2*
Muldoon	13F5	6300	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.1*
Porcupine (A)	14F14	8350	4/27	51	24.6	9.9	--
Swede Peak	13F9	7500	4/28	48	23.2	9.5	14.6*
BIG WOOD RIVER							
#Couch Summit	14F10	6950	4/29	39	19.7	4.9	11.4*
Dollarhide Summit (A)	14F8	8620	4/27	45	22.3	16.6	--
Galena	14F1	7300	4/29	35	15.8	8.2	14.6
Galena Summit	14F12	8795	4/29	69	29.4	19.2	24.5
Graham Ranch	14F5	6200	4/30	20	8.8	1.2	--
#Lost-Wood Divide (A)	14F3	7900	4/27	59	25.1	7.8	--
Mount Baldy	14F9	9000	4/30	72	30.3	14.3	21.8
#Porcupine (A)	14F14	8350	4/27	51	24.6	9.9	--
Soldier Rgr. Sta.	14F11	6100	4/29	T	T	0.0	--
#Vienna Mine (A)	14F4	8900	4/27	81	34.5	26.5	38.5*
BOISE RIVER							
Atlanta Summit	15F4	7500	5/1	84	39.9	24.2	35.4*
Atlanta Summit (SP)	15F4	7500	5/1	--	38.4	23.0	--
Bad Bear	15F2	5500	4/30	0	0.0	0.0	4.1*
#Bogus Basin	16F2	6120	4/28	48	23.2	9.8	21.0
Bogus Basin Road	16F4	5360	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.0*
Couch Summit	14F10	6950	4/29	39	19.7	4.9	11.4*
#Dollarhide Smt. (A)	14F8	8620	4/27	45	22.3	16.6	--
Moores Creek Summit	15F1	6100	4/30	63	31.2	16.2	29.7

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#Soldier Rgr. Sta.	14F11	6100	4/29	T	T	0.0	--
Trinity Mountain	15F5	7780	5/2	88	47.7	26.9	42.9*
Trinity Mountain (SP)	15F5	7780	5/2	--	48.6	30.0	--
#Vienna Mine (A)	14F4	8900	4/27	81	34.5	26.5	38.5*
PAYETTE RIVER							
#Big Creek Summit	15E2	6600	4/28	82	39.9	26.8	36.1
Bogus Basin	16F2	6120	4/28	48	23.2	9.8	21.0
#Brundage Mountain	16D6	7560	4/28	111	53.8	44.9	--
Cozy Cove	15E8	5900	4/27	23	11.1	5.7	8.6
Crawford Rgr. Sta.	15E3	4800	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	0.0*
Deadwood Dam	15E7	5290	4/27	24	10.5	5.8	11.2
Rock Flat Summit	16E1	5200	4/28	34	16.0	14.8	15.7*
WEISER RIVER							
Boulder Creek	16D1	5500	4/28	16	7.8	3.8	15.9*

SOIL MOISTURE

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LITTLE LOST RIVER							
Fairview Guard Station	5850	42	7.6	5/1	8.5	8.5[a]	--
Wet Creek Summit	8175	48	17.1	3/27	16.4	14.9	--
BIG WOOD RIVER							
Galena	7300	48	10.1	4/29	9.8	8.5	6.2
Galena Summit	8795	48	5.8	4/29	4.9	1.8	1.5
BOISE RIVER							
Bad Bear	5500	72	6.3	4/30	5.6	5.5	--
Bogus Basin	6120	48	13.1	4/28	12.0	11.2	10.2
Bogus Basin Road	4830	48	7.1	4/28	5.7	5.8	5.8

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MIDDLE SNAKE RIVER BASIN - SOUTHSIDE							
Howell Canyon	13G1	8000	4/25	32	14.4	13.2	--
GOOSE CREEK							
Badger Gulch	14G3	6660	4/28	13	5.4	T	--
SALMON FALLS CREEK							
#Bear Creek (A)	15H1	7800	4/28	46	20.3	15.2	19.4*
Cedar Creek (A)	14G5	7000	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	2.1*
Deadline	14G4	6900	4/28	23	11.5	13.8	18.1*
Goat Creek (A)	15H13	8800	4/28	36	15.9	16.4	18.2*
#Hummingbird Springs(A)	15H15	8945	4/28	75	30.0	20.5	22.8*
Magic Mountain	14G2	6700	4/28	24	11.8	10.3	14.5*
#Pole Creek R. S.	15H14	8330	4/29	49	21.6	19.7	21.6*
Red Point (A)	15H18	7940	4/28	0	0.0	0.0	9.0*
Wilson Creek (A)	15G2	7500	4/28	21	9.3	0.0	--
BRUNEAU RIVER							
Bear Creek (A)	15H1	7800	4/28	46	20.3	15.2	19.4*
Hummingbird Springs (A)	15H15	8945	4/28	75	30.0	20.5	22.8*
Pole Creek R. S.	15H14	8330	4/29	49	21.6	19.7	21.6*
#Seventy-six Creek (A)	15H3	7100	4/28	20	8.8	0.0	--
OWYHEE RIVER							
#Bear Creek (A)	15H1	7800	4/28	46	20.3	15.2	19.4*
#Seventy-six Creek (A)	15H3	7100	4/28	20	8.8	0.0	--
Silver City	16F3	6400	4/28	24	11.2	T	6.7*
South Mountain	16G1	6340	4/30	11	5.8	0.0	--

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RAFT RIVER							
Conner Pass	5700	36	9.8	4/25	8.7	--	8.5
Howell Canyon	8000	48	11.5	4/25	10.9	7.8	5.7
Sublett	6000	36	7.0	4/1	7.8	7.5[a]	6.0[a]
GOOSE CREEK							
Badger Gulch	6660	36	7.0	4/28	6.5	5.8	5.6
SALMON FALLS CREEK							
Deadline	6900	36	7.4	4/28	7.7	7.9	7.9
Patrick Ranch	5720	36	7.7	4/29	6.3	6.7	6.0
Pole Creek R. S.	8330	48	9.7	4/29	8.0	6.6	4.1
BRUNEAU RIVER							
Bear Creek	7800	72	16.9	3/26	15.2	10.8[a]	10.1[a]
OWYHEE RIVER							
Mud Flat	5500	48	12.8	3/26	13.8	14.4[a]	14.4[a]

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UPPER SNAKE RIVER BASIN							
CAMAS-BEAVER CREEKS							
Camp Creek	12E3	6800	5/2	25	11.6	--	--
Kilgore	11E12	6200	5/2	24	15.9	--	--
HENRYS FORK RIVER							
Big Springs	11E9	6500	4/29	30	14.1	12.7	17.0*
Grassy Lake Wyo.	10E15	7230	5/1	60	27.2	33.6	32.6
Island Park	11E10	6315	4/29	23	9.4	5.5	9.7*
Sawtelle Mountain	11E32	8715	4/29	91	44.8	31.7	--
Targhee Pass	11E34	7000	4/29	39	18.1	--	--
Valley View	11E8	6500	4/29	29	13.8	12.1	13.0*
TETON RIVER							
Freds Mountain	10F22	8000	5/1	43	20.2	--	--
Pine Creek Pass	11F2	6750	5/1	18	8.3	13.4	11.0*
State Line	11F1	6400	5/1	10	4.1	0.0	8.5

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HENRYS FORK RIVER							
Island Park	6315	48	9.9	4/29	9.9	10.3	10.0
Valley View	6500	48	13.3	4/29	13.2	9.7	9.7
TETON RIVER							
Pine Creek Pass	6750	48	13.3	5/1	14.9	14.8	7.6
State Line	6400	48	14.8	5/1	15.2	14.8	10.8
Teton Pass	8500	48	10.5	5/1	11.5	9.2	8.5[m]
PORTNEUF RIVER							
Lower Dempsey	5210	48	18.7	3/26	20.2	21.0[m]	--
Lower Pebble	5800	36	7.6	3/27	8.5	8.5[a]	6.0[a]
Pebble Creek	6550	48	7.2	3/27	6.5	5.1[a]	3.6[a]

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GREAT BASIN							
BEAR RIVER							
Emigrant Summit	11G6	7350	4/29	48	24.4	25.4	21.5*
Montpelier Creek							
Giveout	11G16	6840	5/1	0	0.0	0.0	--
Little Beaver	11G20	6970	5/1	10	4.7	4.9	--
Lower Home Canyon	11G27	7500	4/30	17	7.8	--	--
Montpelier Creek	11G18	6570	5/1	0	0.0	0.0	--
Upper Home Canyon	11G26	8500	4/30	48	23.7	--	--
Whiskey Flat	11G21	6985	5/1	0	0.0	0.0	--
Mink Creek							
Christensen Ranch	11G11	5600	4/29	0	0.0	0.0	0.0*
#Emigrant Summit	11G6	7350	4/29	48	24.4	25.4	21.5*
Liberty Spring	11G13	8600	4/29	85	41.0	38.9	39.4*
Strawberry Creek	11G9	5800	4/29	0	0.0	4.4	2.1*
Strawberry Mink Divide	11G10	6800	4/29	29	13.4	18.1	14.1*
Cub River							
Cub River R. S.	11G12	5400	4/30	0	0.0	0.0	0.0*
Willow Flat	11G4	6100	4/30	0	0.0	1.4	3.3*

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BEAR RIVER							
Emigrant Summit	7350	36	8.2	4/29	6.4	4.0	4.1
Strawberry Creek	5800	48	12.7	4/29	12.6	12.7	12.8
Montpelier Creek							
Giveout Pass	7025	36	9.4	5/1	7.7	7.6	7.6

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